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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

16       **IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED** between the plaintiff, UNITED STATES  
17 OF AMERICA, by and through its counsel, Karen P. Hewitt, United States Attorney, and Aaron B.  
18 Clark, Assistant United States Attorney, and defendant KENNETH EUGENE GRIFFITHS, by and  
19 through and with the advice and consent of defense counsel, Charles N. Guthrie, that:

20       1.     Defendant agrees to execute this stipulation on or before the first preliminary hearing  
21 date and to participate in a full and complete inquiry by the Court into whether defendant knowingly,  
22 intelligently and voluntarily entered into it. Defendant agrees further to waive indictment and plead  
23 guilty to the pre-indictment information charging defendant with a non-mandatory minimum count  
24 of Bringing in Aliens Without Presentation and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of 8 U.S.C.  
25 § 1324(a)(2)(B)(iii) and 18 U.S.C. § 2.

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1       2. Defendant acknowledges receipt of a plea agreement in this case and agrees to  
2 provide the signed, original plea agreement to the Government not later than five business days  
3 before the disposition date set by the Court.

4       3. Defendant agrees to plead guilty to the charge pursuant to the plea agreement on or  
5 before **October 31, 2007**.

6       4. The material witnesses, Francisco Mendoza-Santiago, Maria Meneses-Palacios  
7 and Cecilia Ponce-Parra, in this case:

8           a. Are aliens with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;  
9           b. Entered or attempted to enter the United States illegally on or about  
10 September 27, 2007;

11           c. Were found in a vehicle driven by defendant at the San Ysidro, California Port  
12 of Entry (POE) and that defendant knew or acted in reckless disregard of the fact that they were  
13 aliens with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;

14           d. Were paying or having others pay on their behalf \$100. - \$3,000 to others to  
15 be brought into the United States illegally and/or transported illegally to their destination therein;  
16 and,

17           e. May be released and remanded immediately to the Department of Homeland  
18 Security for return to their country of origin.

19       5. After the material witnesses are ordered released by the Court pursuant to this  
20 stipulation and joint motion, if defendant does not plead guilty to the charge set forth above, for any  
21 reason, or thereafter withdraws his guilty plea to that charge, defendant agrees that in any proceeding,  
22 including, but not limited to, motion hearings, trial, sentencing, appeal or collateral attack, that:

23           a. The stipulated facts set forth in paragraph 4 above shall be admitted as  
24 substantive evidence;

25           b. The United States may elicit hearsay testimony from arresting agents  
26 regarding any statements made by the material witness(es) provided in discovery, and such testimony  
27 shall be admitted as substantive evidence under Fed. R. Evid. 804(b)(3) as statements against interest

1 of (an) unavailable witness(es); and,

2 c. Understanding that under Crawford v. Washington, 124 S. Ct. 1354 (2004),  
 3 "testimonial" hearsay statements are not admissible against a defendant unless defendant confronted  
 4 and cross-examined the witness(es) who made the "testimonial" hearsay statements, defendant  
 5 waives the right to confront and cross-examine the material witness(es) in this case.

6 6. By signing this stipulation and joint motion, defendant certifies that defendant has  
 7 read it (or that it has been read to defendant in defendant's native language). Defendant certifies  
 8 further that defendant has discussed the terms of this stipulation and joint motion with defense  
 9 counsel and fully understands its meaning and effect.

10 Based on the foregoing, the parties jointly move the stipulation into evidence and for the  
 11 immediate release and remand of the above-named material witness(es) to the Department of  
 12 Homeland Security for return to their country of origin.

13 It is STIPULATED AND AGREED this date.

14 Respectfully submitted,

15 KAREN P. HEWITT  
 16 United States Attorney

17 Dated: 10/16/07

  
 18 AARON B. CLARK  
 Assistant United States Attorney

19 Dated: 10.16.07

  
 20 CHARLES N. GUTHRIE  
 Defense Counsel for Kenneth Eugene Griffiths

21 Dated: 10.16.07

  
 22 KENNETH EUGENE GRIFFITHS  
 Defendant

## ORDER

Upon joint application and motion of the parties, and for good cause shown,  
**THE STIPULATION** is admitted into evidence, and,  
**IT IS ORDERED** that the above-named material witness(es) be released and remanded  
forthwith to the Department of Homeland Security for return to their country of origin.  
**SO ORDERED.**

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated: 10/16/2007

Robert Bork  
United States Magistrate Judge

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